



Medinah to her Nobles!
Merry Christmas

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I am a Shriner because ~
I am a Mason and being a Mason
I believe in God, my Country and my
Fellow-man.
And too
Because I believe in fun ~ "pleasure
without intemperance, hospitality
without rudeness and jollity without
coarseness"
Because I enjoy mingling with my fellow-
man and particularly so with those whose
interests are more or less in common.

Because I believe in the joy of smiles and
foster the plant that grows them. The child
being the father of the man must be taught
to smile, but should the child be physically
handicapped the smile will be a sickly one,
not a joyous one, and so believing as I do,
I find it a joy to help in doing something
constructive for humanity.

Thus the Shriners' Hospitals for Grippled
Children ~ The Temples of Babies' Smiles ~
"where it is made possible that throbbing,
little brows shall be quieted and cooled,
that twisted little bones shall be strength-
ened and healed, that faltering little feet shall
run, that listless little hands shall wave,
that dull eyes shall sparkle, that cries of
pain shall be turned into glad song and
laughter."

And so, that's why I am a Shriner.

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